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For: **METHODS OF FORMING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES INCLUDING
THERMAL PROCESSING**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR ENTRY WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Applicants provide this Preliminary Amendment to present claims for consideration with a Request For Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith. Because the Advisory Action of 4 November 2005 states that the Amendment After Final of 18 October 2005 "will not be entered...", this Preliminary Amendment amends the claims as presented in the Amendment of 20 June 2005.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.